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I'm a computer professional that uses a multitude of different systems. I constantly see Microsoft abusing their dominant position to extort excessive fees, and to squash competition. It is my understanding that the judgment says the same.

The proposed remedies are a joke. They do little to punish Microsoft, only hope to prevent further abuses. Since Microsoft has ignored previous agreements curb their behavior, why does the DOJ expect this one to be any different? There is even language that protects MS from competition with Open-Source software!

I urge the DOJ to consider true punishment for Microsoft. Yes, it will hurt them, but isn't that the point? Nothing can bring back the companies MS has destroyed, but maybe others (or Open software) can be allowed to grow into competitors.

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